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TAGS: MOPS, IS, EG, MARR

SUBJECT: ISRAELI COMMANDER CHARGES SINAI II VIOLATIONS

REF: TEL AVIV 6202

1. ISRAELI RADIO AND PRESS THIS MORNING REPORTED CHARGES MADE ON SEPTEMBER 12 BY GENERAL HERZL SHAFIR, COMMANDER OF SOUTHERN COMMAND, THAT EGYPT HAS COMMITTED SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. SPEAKING IN BEERSHEBA TO VOLUNTEERS OF THE SOLDIERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION, SHAFIR CLAIMED THAT WHILE THE VIOLATION OF EXCESS EGYPTIAN BATTALIONS HAD BEEN DEALT WITH, A "NEW AND MORE SERIOUS" VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT WAS EGYPT'S CONSTRUCTION OF FORTIFICATIONS ON THE CANAL'S EASTERN BANK. HE SAID THIS VIOLATION, ALTHOUGH NOT A BREACH OF EXPLICIT PROVISIONS OF SINAI II BUT RAHTER OF ITS SPIRIT, IS SERIOUS BECAUSE EGYPTIAN STRATEGY IS TO EMPLOY SUCH FORTIFICATIONS AS A STARTING POINT FOR AN OFFENSIVE. HOWEVER, IN SAME SPEECH SHAFIR SAID THAT EGYPT, IN CONTRAST TO SYRIA, HAS NOT YET RECOVERED FROM ITS OCTOBER WAR LOSSES.

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2. COMMENT: SHAFIR'S PUBLIC ACCUSATION IS PARTICULARLY

NOTEWORTHY BECAUSE IT IS AN EXCEPTION TO THE RABIN GOVERN-  
MENT'S OTHERWISE LOW-KEY TREATMENT OF THE ISSUE OF VIOLATIONS  
(SEE REFTEL). MEDIA HAS ALSO REPORTED SIMILAR CHARGES BY  
RESERVE GENERAL ARIK SHARON IN A SPEECH IN NEW YORK.  
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